

CHANGE IS NOTED

Business Men Say That Trade Conditions Have Improved.

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TOUR FOR WOMEN A SUCCESS

Secretary Kelly Says It Will Help Topeka Industries.

The R. A. Henry 160-Acre Farm Sold for \$14,400.

There is more optimism in Topeka business circles than has been the case in some time. Trade conditions are somewhat better than has been the case in the past few months, and the prospects of good crops give added encouragement.

"It is the general feeling among the business men with whom I have talked," said Secretary J. Will Kelley of the Commercial club today, "that conditions have improved, and that business will gradually become more brisk."

"We find that business is good, and is getting better all the time," said H. A. Spielman of the firm of Emshiser & Spielman.

Conditions Better Since May 1.

"There has been a noticeable improvement in business conditions since the first of May," said William Connors of the Crosby Brothers company. "The movement that was started several months ago by the Commercial club in the direction of Topeka trade extension work, which included the purchasing of 'Topeka made' goods is gaining in popularity. It is taking with the people like 'wildfire.' The 'Seeing Topeka First' trip for ladies conducted by the Commercial club this week has had the effect of pouring oil on the fire."

Worth Thousands of Dollars.

"In my opinion the trip will prove to have been worth thousands of dollars to the manufacturing interests of the city," said Secretary Kelley today. "The tour of the factories was a great success."

Secretary Kelley who served as toastmaster at the complimentary dinner which was given Thursday noon and attended by more than 200 women, was quite the "lion of the hour." He was the recipient of numerous "bouquets," and at the close of the meeting upon the suggestion of Mrs. Lee Monroe, was given the chautauqua salute, which he was requested to pass on to the members of the Commercial club.

"We are carrying on a campaign through the Commercial club for increased business for our manufacturers," said Mr. Kelley. "There is no reason why we should keep the stacks of other cities belching forth dense volumes of smoke while the Topeka stacks only belch forth smoke spasmodically. Business, ladies, is what makes a town worth living in."

What the Women Said.

Following are extracts from the enthusiastic talks by those who were called upon for remarks by the presiding officer of the occasion:

Mrs. Harry Garvey: "I was thinking as we sat down here what a good Commercial club we have. I think it has been true in Topeka in the last few years that the men and women have been working together for the good of the city."

Mrs. W. H. Kemper: "It is certainly wonderful what we have found in our town. We have found that the whole sale and jobbing interests are more extensive than we had any anticipation of finding them."

Mrs. W. E. Atchison: "The women have been seeing things as they really exist in Topeka. This sight seeing experience has been a pleasure and inspiration to me. I'm sure after what I have seen this morning there is no place like home. I have come to the conclusion that we have the cleanest and best city, the most chivalrous men, the most beautiful women, the finest Commercial club, and the only J. Will Kelley."

Mrs. Lee Monroe: "When we went through the plant did you see the machinery was protected? There

FACTORY GIRL

GIVES UP

Too Sick to Work—Doctor Advised Operation. Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—"I run a sewing machine in a large factory and got all run down. I had to give up work for I could not stand the pains in my back. The doctor said I needed an operation for a female trouble but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound helped me more than the doctors did. I hope that every one who is suffering will get the Compound. My pains, nervousness and backache are gone and I have gained five pounds. I owe my thanks to your medicine for it is the working girls friend, and all women who suffer should write to you for special advice."—Miss TILLIE FLENNIG, 3 Jay St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

When a remedy has lived for over thirty years, steadily growing in popularity and influence, and thousands upon thousands of women declare they owe their very lives to it, it is not reasonable to believe that it is an article of great merit?

We challenge anyone to show any other one remedy for a special class of disease which has attained such an enormous demand and maintained it for so many years as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

is no danger that the girls will have their fingers cut off. This protection is what the club women have been advocating."

"There is nothing that the Commercial club has ever done that has made as much for democracy as this trip. We'll have a lot of respect from now on for the factory girls. They were experts at the things they were doing. They were neat and polite. Should Invest Money."

"Some of you women who have money to invest, why not put it into some of the factories in Topeka that are worthy institutions and are in a position to expand had they the funds."

"The Commercial club ought to take the children around among the factories. If you want to get people who will really talk, it will be the children. We'll brag more of our Commercial club than ever before."

Mrs. J. W. Nowers: "We are learning what this beautiful city of ours possesses. We are learning to have a stronger feeling of loyalty."

Mrs. L. F. Sherman: "I have enjoyed every minute of the trip."

Mrs. T. F. Doran, who was among those who rode in a moving van: "We had two horses, no punctures and no blowouts. We owe a great deal to the Commercial club. We have seen things we won't forget."

Mrs. Charles F. Spencer: "It has made me think that the men of the Commercial club have shown a great deal of enterprise in asking us to take this trip. The least that we can do is to insist that our grocers and the other merchants with whom we trade send us Topeka goods."

Mrs. A. A. Godard: "I've just enjoyed every word that I have heard. It has been such a pleasure I feel that we must have another trip. The next 'seeing Topeka' trip might include some of the philanthropic institutions. We thank the Commercial club, and Mr. Kelley first, last and all the time."

Several other women spoke, including Mrs. C. A. Booth, Mrs. Wooster, Mrs. Gus Hill, Mrs. L. F. Sherman, and Miss Horner.

Walking Advertisements.

Secretary Kelley said that there are now 200 live walking advertisements for Topeka institutions. He told the ladies the purpose of the list of Topeka goods printed on the menu cards and explained that 10,000 of these cards are being printed for the purpose of distribution among the Topeka homes.

The guests gave a vote of thanks to those who furnished the entertainment. They pledged themselves unanimously by a standing vote to support Topeka institutions.

Dr. Johnson Lectured.

Dr. Western L. Johnson, United States inspector in charge of the inspection work of the Wolf Packing plant gave the visiting ladies some interesting facts in regard to the plant and the work of the government inspectors.

"The total number of hogs condemned at this plant during 1912 was 1,217. The hogs found affected with tuberculosis the past year at this establishment was 1,236. Four hundred and thirteen were condemned as being not fit for food. On post-mortem examination we found 372 hogs affected with cholera, of which 282 were condemned and found not fit for food. Also 206 of the hogs which were condemned on ante-mortem were affected with hog cholera, making a total of 498 hogs condemned at this plant during 1912."

"Had there been no government inspection, and had the city regulations been adhered to, which only provide for ante-mortem inspection with a fee of 48 hours prior to their slaughter, only 412 hogs would have been condemned."

Work of the Inspectors.

"Our meat inspector supervised the past year the preparation of meat food products, such as lard, sausage, etc.—34,216,765 pounds. Upon re-inspection, meats and meat food products during curing, etc., became unfit for food to the extent of \$4,487 pounds. This is only a small part of our work. The sanitation throughout the entire plant and its surroundings must be closely observed. Note as you pass through, the sanitary and clean conditions of all walls, ceilings, floors and all apartments. Likewise note the equipment and the employees' clothing and tools. The water and ice supply must be the purest."

"All spices, salt, sugar, cereal and vinegar used in the cure of all meats and products must be strictly pure. We sent at will, from eight to a dozen samples of products and spices, etc., each month for chemical analysis. No such product as liquid smoke is used in any case. Only real smoke from nothing but hickory wood is used in smoking the meats."

Employs 275 Persons.

"This plant the past year, 1911, furnished employment for 275 employees at a cost on payroll of \$170,567, with the average of five to the family keeps or supports 1,275 people in our city."

"The output the past year was: 25,447,677 pounds of meat food products; 800,000 pounds of ice; (all made of distilled water); 1,896,225 pounds of bi-products—as fertilizer and meat meal, etc.—and 577,400 pounds of inedible grease, amounting to \$2,533,854.54 of business. Last season was not a better season, but considered a poor year."

Realty Transactions.

R. A. Henry has sold a 160 acre farm four miles northeast of Topeka to S. A. McKnight, through the Shawnee Agency for \$14,400. R. A. Henry has taken over the S. A. McKnight property consisting of an eleven room house and two lots at 1638 Mulvane street. This property was valued at \$5,500. The same realty firm has sold a five room bungalow and two lots at 408 Scotland avenue to Gilbert A. Schwerdtfeger. The house is yet to be erected.

The Building Permits.

The building activity continues. In the past week the building permits issued totaled nearly \$45,000. They call for the erection of a dozen new buildings.

Following are the building permits issued in a week:

Frank Forbes, one-story dwelling, 1316 College ave. \$1,800
Garlinghouse Realty Co., one-story dwelling, 311 Garfield ave. \$2,000
W. T. Wilson, two-story dwelling, 1316 College ave. \$2,000
Frank H. Deppa, two-story dwelling, 338-336 North Topeka ave. \$2,000
Dr. W. E. Heatherly, two-story dwelling, 314 W. 12th st. \$4,000
Nelle and Julia White, two-story dwelling, 216 Juniper street. \$1,800
J. Bennett, tenement, 101 W. 12th st. \$1,800
Clay street \$6,000
C. L. Neil, two-story dwelling, 1315 West Eleventh street. \$2,000
C. E. Neil, two-story dwelling, 1317 West Eleventh street. \$2,000
Anno F. Irish, two-story dwelling, College ave. \$2,000
C. Carlson, two-story dwelling, 515 Garfield ave. \$3,000
Vincent Kacynski, two-story brick veneer dwelling, 301 Western ave. \$3,000
J. C. Jamieson, two-story dwelling, 124-126 Locust street. \$1,200
H. H. Shelton, remodel dwelling, 125 Topeka ave. \$2,000
Sixteen miscellaneous items \$6,000

Total \$42,575

SEATS GOING FAST

Big Demand for Victor Herbert Concert Tickets.

Play at Auditorium Tuesday Afternoon and Evening.

NOT AN "ECCENTRIC GENIUS"

Orchestra Leader Has Not Long Picturesque Hair.

Is an American Citizen—Of Irish Parentage.

The Victor Herbert orchestra concert next Tuesday afternoon and evening in the auditorium will prove a rare treat to music lovers of Topeka. Indications are that the seat sale will be heavy.

It is not often that an organization that stands in the very front ranks in the musical world comes to Topeka. The people of the city are showing their appreciation of this fact by getting their tickets in advance so that they will be sure of securing good seats.

Aside from his orchestra of over fifty pieces, Victor Herbert, the great leader and composer, carries a sextet of eminent vocalists.

The newspapers in the cities where the Victor Herbert orchestra has been heard this season praise highly this company of strictly American artists.

"Besides his company of players," says the Dallas News, "the director brought with him five most delightful soloists of whom Messrs. Williams and Croxton have been great favorites in Dallas for a long time and among whom is Mrs. Kimball, who will be a great favorite here for a very long time if she will only return to find her admirers and their plaudits. Mr. Williams was hoarse, but he sang way above this mere physical defect and which his inconsiderate audience would have him sing he munched cough drops and took the audience into his confidence with a wink or two."

"There has not been a singer on the opera house stage this season who was so evidently the idol of his audience. He appeared in couplet from 'L'Africaine' for his opening number and followed it with an aria from Mr. Herbert's 'Natoma.' But the audience

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